

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 873

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Mitchell Keen, 2008  
Valedictorian of Portland High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Mitchell Keen is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2008 graduating class at Portland High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Keen has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Mitchell has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his status as a stellar scholar, Mr. Keen has been a valuable participant in his school's activities and his community's affairs as a member of the Beta Club, the National Honor Society, the National Council for the Social Studies, Panther Nation, and the school basketball team; he is also active in the Portland Church of Christ Youth Group; and

WHEREAS, Mitchell's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success at Freed-Hardemann University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Keen's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Ricky and Kay Keen, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Mitchell's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2008 Portland High School

Valedictorian, Mitchell Keen, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.